

National Nuclear Security Administration Fact Sheet

Preliminary Notice of Violation: Worker Safety and Health Violations at Nevada National Security Site

On August 25, 2015, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec) for violations of Department of Energy (DOE) worker safety and health requirements. NSTec is the management and operating contractor to DOE's NNSA Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).

The violations are associated with the chemical explosion that injured two workers at NNSS's Nonproliferation Test and Evaluation Complex on June 13, 2014. The PNOV cites failures to comply with worker safety and health requirements established at 10 C.F.R. Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program*.

NNSA identified four Severity Level I violations and one Severity Level II violation in the areas of: (1) hazard identification and assessment, (2) hazard prevention and abatement, (3) hazard communication, (4) fire protection, and (5) training and information.

NNSA reduced by \$2.05 million the award fee that NSTec earned for failure to fully meet specific contract performance objectives as a result, in part, of worker safety and health violations revealed by the chemical explosion referenced in this PNOV.

Section 234C of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes the NNSA to take regulatory actions under 10 C.F.R. Part 851 against NNSA contractors for violations of worker safety and health requirements. DOE's enforcement program encourages Departmental contractors to identify and correct worker safety and health deficiencies at an early stage, before they contribute to, or result in more serious events.

Additional details on this and other enforcement actions are available on the DOE website at <http://energy.gov/ea/services/enforcement>.